

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

0048000133

Boston N.

675

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 14 Sherman St.

Historic Name Mulliken/Sherburne House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1809–1822 (range)

Source Deeds

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Rusticated Concrete Block

Wall/Trim Vinyl Siding

Roof Asphalt Single

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear additions (dates unknown)

Condition Fair

Moved ☐ no ☒ yes Date 1906–1918 (range)

Acreage 0.3 A.

Setting On a quiet side street in a neighborhood of late 19th- and early 20th-century houses

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) March 1998

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

14 Sherman St. is one of a number of Federal houses in Lexington but, due to the fact that it has been moved and sided, is less intact than many others. (Other moved and sided Federals are at 137 Grant St. [MHC #678] and 16 Manley Ct. [MHC #666]). The house is rectangular with a rear ell, 2½ stories, five-by-two bays, and side-gabled with a front chimney. The four-bay-long two-story front-gabled rear ell has a ridge chimney. The house is set on a rusticated concrete block foundation, clad with vinyl siding, and roofed with asphalt shingles. There are several hip-roofed, one-by-one bay additions in the reentrant angle. The center entrance has a pedimented surround with dentils, fluted pilasters, and half-length sidelights over panels; windows are 2/2 double hung sash.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house originally stood on Massachusetts Ave. in front of the Sherburne House at 11 Percy Rd. (MHC #490). Deeds indicate that the house was built sometime between 1809 and 1822: in 1809, when John Mulliken sold the land on which it later stood to his sons Nathaniel and John Jr., there was no mention of it having any buildings on it, but in 1822, when John Jr. quitclaimed his share in the property to Nathaniel, it was described as having a house. In 1872 this house was purchased by Warren Sherburne, who had moved to Lexington just a few years earlier and in 1893 would build the house now at 11 Percy Rd. This house was moved to its present location sometime between 1906 and 1918, for it is shown on Massachusetts Ave. on a 1906 map but on Sherman St. in 1918.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*